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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Asia-Pacific Economic
5 Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS**

2 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2010,
4 the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with
5 the Secretary of State, shall establish a program called
6 the “APEC Business Travel Program” to issue Asia-Pa-
7 cific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards
8 (ABTC) to eligible United States citizen business leaders
9 and senior United States Government officials actively en-
10 gaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) busi-
11 ness.

12 (b) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-
13 GRAMS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall inte-
14 grate application procedures for and issuance of ABTC
15 with other appropriate international registered traveler
16 programs of the Department of Homeland Security, such
17 as Global Entry, NEXUS, and SENTRI.

18 (c) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.—In
19 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
20 rity shall work in conjunction with appropriate private sec-
21 tor entities to ensure that applicants for ABTC satisfy
22 ABTC requirements. The Secretary of Homeland Security
23 may utilize such entities to enroll and issue ABTC to
24 qualified applicants.

25 (d) FEE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
2 Security may impose a fee for the issuance of
3 ABTC, and may modify such fee from time to time
4 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

5 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
6 Security shall ensure that the total amount of any
7 fees imposed under paragraph (1) in any fiscal year
8 does not exceed the costs associated with carrying
9 out this section in such fiscal year.

10 (3) CREDITING TO APPROPRIATE ACCOUNT.—
11 Fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be credited
12 to the appropriate account of the Department of
13 Homeland Security and are authorized to remain
14 available until expended.

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